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Contract Awarded to Raleigh Construction Co. to Build National Computer Center

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Research Triangle Park, NC.....The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today that the U.S. General Service Administration has awarded a \$21.2 million contract to Beers Construction Company, Raleigh, NC, to design and build a 100,000 square-foot facility for the EPA's National Computer Center. The center will be located on the agency's new campus in Research Triangle Park. The completion date for the new computer center is 18 months, once notice is given to proceed.

The National Computer Center, now located at EPA's research facilities on Alexander Drive, will be moved to the new campus, also on Alexander Drive, following completion of the building. The campus is the site of EPA's 1.1 million-square-foot research facility currently under construction. The architectural subcontractor for the computer center is O'Brien/Atkins Associates PA in the Research Triangle Park.

The National Computer Center is one of the nation's largest computer centers in the United States. The computer center provides large-scale computing services for the EPA nationwide and supports regulatory program offices, administrative activities as well as advanced supercomputing for scientific research in air quality protection and other environmental studies. The center receives high scores for efficiency when compared with federal and private data centers in evaluations performed by independent studies.

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